WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1. A non-human meat product for consumption comprising non-human muscle cells grown ex vivo.
- 2. The non-human meat product in claim 1 further comprising:
- 5 a support structure; and
 wherein the non-human muscle cells are attached to the support structure.
 - 3. The non-human meat product in claim 1 wherein the non-human muscle cells are skeletal muscle cells.
 - 4. The non-human meat product in claim 1 wherein the non-human muscle cells are derived from animals selected from the group consisting of mammals, birds, fishes, invertebrates, reptiles, and amphibians.
 - 5. The non-human meat product in claim 1 wherein the non-human meat product is substantially free from harmful microbial contamination.
 - 6. The non-human meat product in claim 1 wherein the non-human muscle cells are derived from pluri-potent or toti-potent cells.
 - 7. The non-human meat product in claim 1 wherein the non-human muscle cells have been exposed to an electric current.
 - 8. The non-human meat product in claim 1 further comprising non-human adipocyte cells grown *ex vivo*.
- 20 9. The non-human meat product in claim 8 wherein the non-human adipocyte cells are trans-differentiated from non-human myoblasts.

- 10. The non-human meat product in claim 8 wherein the non-human adipocyte cells are derived from pluri-potent or toti-potent non-human stem cells.
- 11. The non-human meat product in claim 1 further comprising non-human cartilage cells grown ex vivo.
- 5 12. The non-human meat product in claim 10 wherein the non-human cartilage cells are positioned between a support structure and the non-human muscle cells.
 - 13. The non-human meat product in claim 10 wherein the non-human cartilage cells have been exposed to mechanical stress.
 - 14. A method of producing non-human meat products for consumption comprising the steps: culturing non-human muscle stem cells *ex vivo*; seeding the non-human muscle stem cells onto a support structure; and growing the non-human muscle stem cells to produce a non-human meat product.
 - 15. The method in claim 13 wherein the step of growing the non-human muscle stem cells comprises:
 - differentiating the non-human muscle stem cells into different types of non-human muscle cells.
 - 16. The method in claim 14 further comprising the step:exposing the non-human muscle cells to an electric or oscillating current.
 - 17. The method in claim 13 further comprising the step:
- adding nutrients to be incorporated into the non-human meat products.

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- 18. The method in claim 13 wherein the non-human muscle cells are derived from animals selected from the group consisting of mammmals, birds fishes, invertebrates, reptiles, and amphibians.
- 19. The method in claim 13 wherein the non-human meat product is substantially free from harmful microbial contamination.

A method of producing non-human meat for consumption comprising the steps:

- co-culturing non-human muscle cells and non-human fat cells *ex vivo*; seeding the non-human muscle cells and the non-human fat cells to a support structure; and growing the non-human muscle cells and the non-human fat cells to produce a non-human meat product.
- 21. A method of producing non-human meat for consumption comprising the steps of:

 culturing non-human muscle stem cells ex vivo;

 seeding the non-human muscle stem cells to a support structure;

 treating the non-human muscle stem cells with fatty acids to trans-differentiate the non-human muscle stem cells into adipocytes; and

 growing the adipocytes to produce a non-human meat product.
- 22. A method of producing non-human meat products for consumption comprising the steps: culturing non-human cartilage cells *ex vivo*; seeding the non-human cartilage cells to a support structure;
- culturing non-human muscle cells together with the non-human cartilage cells on or around the support structure; and

growing the non-human muscle cells to produce a non-human meat product.

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23. The method in claim 20 wherein the non-human cartilage cells have been exposed to mechanical stress.